

CPASS Hawai'i - Definitions, Acronyms, and Terms

Some things you may hear used or see written at a CPASS meeting.

Agency With Choice – A type of “Fiscal Intermediary”.

Budget – A central component to consumer direction. It is the sum of the resources a person has available to access the services and support that they need to meet their individual goals

Cash & Counseling – A very progressive version of consumer directed services developed and piloted across the Nation through a series of grants from the Roberts Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJ).

CDPA – Consumer Directed Personal Assistance – A program recently begun, and currently available, that allows individuals receiving DDD Waiver services to hire who they choose to be their personal assistance worker. Individuals become the employers of the personal assistance worker, but there are special training and supports available to help individuals be safe and successful.

CDS – Center on Disability Studies – A part of the University of Hawaii that focuses on disability research and policies. CDS has been contracted by DOH to administer the CPASS grant.

CMS – Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services – A branch of the federal government that oversees Medicare and Medicaid. CMS sets policies and distributes federal funds for these programs.

CPASS – Community Personal Assistance Services and Supports - A federal grant from CMS offered to all states to explore and build infrastructure needs for a consumer directed system of care. In Hawaii this grant was given to DOH/DDD and is being administered by CDS.

Consumer Direction - Consumer direction is a philosophy and orientation to the delivery of home and community-based long-term care that puts informed consumers and their families in the driver's seat with respect to making choices about how to best meet their supportive service needs. Consumer Direction is sometimes referred to as Self-Direction.

CSG – Community Support Guide –An evolving support service in a consumer directed system that helps with the implementation of a person's individual plan. CSG is sometimes referred to as a “Support Broker”.

DDD – Developmental Disabilities Division – A division of the Department of Health that provides information and oversees the state system of supports and services for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Demonstration Project - A part of the CPASS grant that will allow demonstration sites to explore and develop support components of consumer direction. Includes hiring Community Support Guides. Findings will be used to assist DOH/DDD in expanding their consumer directed services.

DOH – Department of Health – A department of Hawaii State government who's mission is to protect and improve the health and environment for all people in Hawaii.

Evaluation – To measure and determine the impact and findings from the CPASS efforts and demonstration projects. The CPASS evaluation will include some videotaping as well as surveys and interviews.

FA- Fiscal Agent – A type of “Fiscal Intermediary”.

FI - Fiscal Intermediary – Fiscal refers to money and intermediary means “to go between”. An organization that provides money management services to support individuals in self-directing their budget. Includes support in processing paychecks and managing taxes for service workers in a consumer directed system. An FI can also include support features such as sharing employer responsibilities, training, and budgeting assistance. An FI is sometimes referred to as “Fiscal Agent”, or “Agency with Choice”.

H&CBS – Home and Community Based Services – It means services and supports that are provided to individuals who live outside of an institutional setting to help keep them in their home and community, and keep them from entering an institution. It is also the name for the fastest growing type of Medicaid support system.

ISP – Individualized Service Plan – A person centered planning tool used by DOH/DDD that assists consumers and their circle of supports to identify their goals and needs, and to develop and implement a plan to meet these goals and needs. Also a tracking tool to authorize services as well as document progress and efforts made. See “Person Centered Plan”.

PA- Personal Assistant – A person who helps someone to do something they cannot do alone.

Person Centered Plan – A development from the “self-determination” movement that focuses the development and access of services and supports around the needs of person receiving the services and supports. This is a requirement for states to access federal Medicaid funds.

Self-Advocate – A person who speaks for him or herself in favor of a position.

(CPASS Self-Advocate) - An individual who is 18 years or older, is eligible for services from the Department of Health's Developmental Disabilities Division, is interested in learning about directing and managing their personal assistance services, and enjoys working as a team.

Self-Direction – See “Consumer Direction”.

Services – Work performed to assist a consumer in meeting their individual goals.

Support Broker – See “CSG”.

System Change – Systems are a way of delivering supports to a large number of people. The Medicaid system has been the difference of life and death for many people and has undergone many changes since it began. Change is a continual process of improvement and adaptation to the needs and circumstances of individuals who are involved in the system. Systems change is the concept behind the creation of the CPASS grants, and it is the desired outcome from CPASS efforts and findings.

Waiver – A federal program administered by “CMS” that provides states with financial support to provide a system of long term care for people with developmental disabilities. Sometimes referred to as “The Waiver”, “H&CBS”, “DD/MR Waiver”, “DDD Waiver”.

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